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## **Electioneering Zone Clarification**

Electioneering is publicly favoring one candidate or political party or side of a public question on the ballot, etc. It isn't allowed within 100 feet of a polling place by anyone. The area outside the polling place where electioneering is not allowed is called the Campaign-Free Zone.

The law allows electioneering outside the Campaign-Free Zone during the time the polls are open on Election Day. Anyone has the right to discuss politics, pass out political information, etc. on any polling place property, as long as they are outside of the Campaign-Free Zone.

How Do You Mark Off the Campaign-Free Zone?		
	IF	THEN
Situation #1	A polling place room is in a public or private school, a church, a religious organization, or a private business <b>AND</b> the distance of 100 feet ends inside of the building	Place the cones outside the building at each entrance used by voters.  Note: A church, place of worship, or private school can decide to make its whole property a Campaign-Free Zone. Then, place the cones near the edge of the property near the entrances that the voters use.
Situation #2	The polling place is in a private or public building, but not a school, church, or private business <b>AND</b> the polling place room is on the ground floor	Place the cones 100 feet from each entrance to the polling place room. If the 100 feet ends inside the building, place the cones at the exact spot where the 100 feet ends.
Situation #3	The polling place is in a private or public building, but not a school, church or private business <b>AND</b> on a floor above or below the ground floor	Find the elevator or stairs that the voters will use to get to the polling place. On the ground floor of the building, place the cones 100 feet from the elevator or stairs. If the 100 feet ends inside the building, place the cones at the exact spot where the 100 feet ends. Place them toward the direction of the entrance.